

Story of Billee Taylor

The Comic Opera to be Produced on February 4 and 5.

At Red Jacket Opera House.

For Sweet Charity's Sake—The Different Characters and the People Who Will Take Them.

The story of the nautical comic opera, "Billee Taylor," is founded on the old song of "Billee Taylor," a well-known English nautical ditty.

The time of the action is 1805-6, when, during the Napoleonic wars, the press gang was in full sway. The first act opens in the village of Southampton, at the old inn of the Royal George. The villagers have met to rejoice over the approaching wedding of Billee Taylor (W. H. Cappel) and Phoebe (Miss Lillian Taylor), a charity girl. There is also an heiress, Arabella Lane, (Miss Florence Osborn), who is in love with Billee. Her father, Sir Mincing Lane, (Mr. Albert Engstrom), a kind-hearted old gentleman, of the self-made-man type, is going to give the villagers a feast at Billee's wedding. He invites his friend, Captain Flapper, R. N., (F. H. Oates), to join the festivities. The captain falls in love with Phoebe at first sight, and vows that she shall not marry Billee. A schoolmaster, Christopher Crab, (W. R. Oates), is also in love with Phoebe. Among Captain Flapper's crew is Ben Barnacle, (S. Masterson), a bold boatwain, who has gone to sea on account of his love for Eliza Dabney, (Miss Iva Stevens), who has forsaken him for another lover. He is ordered by Captain Flapper to bring his prowess and carry Billee off to sea.

During the festivities preceding the wedding, this plan is carried out, and Billee is taken away and put on board a man-of-war.

The second act opens (two years having elapsed) with its scene laid in Portsmouth harbor. The man-of-war Thunderbolt has just come into port after a successful cruise of two years, and the inhabitants are welcoming the sailors home. All of the charity girls, among whom is Phoebe, have followed Billee to sea disguised as sailors. Billee in the meantime has risen to the rank of lieutenant, through some seeming act of bravery. Sir Mincing Lane has become a commander in the volunteers, and Phoebe, who is disguised and known as Richard Carr, is about to enlist in his company, when Barnacle interferes, and there is a quarrel between the sailors and sailors. Captain Flapper stops the fight. Crab, who has also been pressed into the navy because Captain Flapper does not esteem his accomplices, is now Phoebe's rival for Phoebe's hand. He tells Phoebe that Billee has lost all his love for her, and is going to marry Miss Arabella Lane. She fires a pistol at Arabella and Billee, whom she finds in company, and Flapper orders that she be shot. She then makes herself known and Captain Flapper wins her hand. Billee's bravery is shown to have been a mere accident, and he is disgraced. Phoebe being appointed to fill his place. Billee, however, marries the love-lorn maiden, Arabella, while Eliza (who is now a widow) and Barnacle conclude to sail through life together. Another charity girl, Susan, (Miss Mary Ether) takes quite a prominent part in the play.

The opera is brimful of sparkling music, somewhat in the style of the Offenbach's happiest vein. The dialogue abounds in funny sayings and the choruses are very fine, there being a chorus of villagers, charity girls, sailor girls, man-of-war men, and volunteers, who go through a comic drill, etc.

The opera will be produced for sweet charity's sake by a cast of forty-five people, representing the very best vocal and dramatic talent. During the past eight weeks, Prof. Von Lenz has untiringly rehearsed every part of the opera, and the production which takes place on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 4 and 5, ought to be witnessed by crowded houses.

Tickets are for sale at Nikander's and Sodergren's drug stores. The members of the company also have tickets for sale. Prices, 25, 35 and 50 cents.

An orchestra of ten artists, with Miss Louise Pomeroy as pianist, will assist at the performances.

The Masquerade.
Over 500 people attended the Park ice rink last Saturday evening, the occasion being the grand annual masquerade, many coming, not to skate, but to watch the skaters, of whom there were about twenty-five. The masquerade was given the ice about 9 o'clock and had it for half an hour, after which the judges rendered their decisions. The judges were Messrs. W. H. Thielman, Donald Lamont, Dr. W. T. S. Gregg, F. J. Kohlhaas, Will Carter and G. A. Rowe.

The first prize for fancy costume was captured by Will Barrett, representing "The Vienna Guard." The three knights had the second prize divided equally among them, and Miss Rose Verrier, representing "The Press," took third, while Con Cuddihy, as the "Emperor of China," captured fourth. "The New Woman," by Will Wills, was awarded the first comic prize, and "John Bull and Uncle Sam," represented by Will Monroe and Fred Guck, took second. The third was taken by John Merch, as a "Colored Gentleman," and the fourth went to little Herbert Hoeking, as "Colonel Sparring."

Mr. Thomas Mealin, Jr., Awarded Prizes.
The News has to thank Mr. Thomas Mealin, Jr., for a copy of the St. Helena Guardian of the date of October 31 last, which only arrived yesterday. The paper is a three column quarto and from it we gather the R. & M. have shipped up the

island and also that the Foresters have a lodge and the Baptists a church. "One page of the paper's salient tidings with patent medicine ads, the celebrated Holloway using one column for his ointment and pills. Holloway was one of the men who found out that advertising paid.

The editor of the Guardian complains of the dearth of local news. Influenza was becoming epidemic and was causing considerable suffering among the poor, for whose benefit a soup kitchen was about to be established capable of supplying 120 people. The want of rain was being greatly felt both for the potato and hay crop. The pasture lands already had a parched look, which was stated to be unusual so early in the spring.

Concert Tomorrow Evening.
Following is the program for the Epworth League concert to be given at the Calumet M. E. church tomorrow (Tuesday) evening:

PART I.
Piano Solo—Bhagpoley XII.....Lizet
Vocal Solo—Winter Waltz Song.....Parker
Vocal Solo—Selected.....
Reading—My Legacy.....Helen H. Jackson
Solo, aria—"How Could I Part," from "Der Freischutz".....Miss Virginia N. Eastman.
PART II.
Song and Refrain.....Robson
Violin Solo—Selected.....
Vocal Solo—"Smile Song".....Tito Mattino
Vocal Solo—"Palm".....Faire
"Good Night Sweet Dreams".....Bishop
Selection.....Calumet Mandolin Club.
The piano used on this occasion is furnished by Joseph Hermann.

Ontonagon.
During the last two weeks three of Ontonagon county's old residents have passed the divide. They were:
Mr. James Bolan, of Greenland, locally known as "Jimmie Detroit," at the ripe old age of 83. He had been a resident of the county for about forty-five years.
Mr. Ernest Mueller, of Rockland, who was killed by a tree falling on him while engaged in chopping in the woods.
Mrs. Laura Plin, widow of John Plin, who had been a resident of Ontonagon village for forty-one years, died at St. Mary's hospital, Duluth, where she had gone on a visit to her son David, and incidentally for advice as to a sore leg. The leg was amputated above the knee and it became necessary two weeks after to have another amputation, this time above the knee, from the shock of which she died.

Burns' Anniversary.
Was very fittingly commemorated by Bannockburn Camp, Sons of Scotland, at the Opera House on Saturday evening with a grand concert and entertainment, and upon which occasion the sons of auld Scotia had a chance of listening once more to the stirring strains of their national instrument which was very finely handled by Mr. Dan Shannon.

Mr. John Stalker acted as chairman, when the program, already published at full in the Evening News, with the exception of the reading by Mr. Anderson, who was detained at home by sickness in the family, was most creditably carried out in every particular, several of the performers having to respond to well-deserved encores.

Not as Bad as Stated.
In drawing a comparison between the residents of the copper and iron countries we last Saturday made a statement concerning the Breitings and Kauffmann. We have since heard from good authority that when approached upon the royalty question those gentlemen appear to be willing to do what is right with the mine managements, but unfortunately they find their hands tied, as the question of a reduction in the royalty does not rest wholly with them. The News feels called upon to make this correction, as it has no desire to mistake the case in the slightest, particularly to the detriment of any individual.

Prof. Favour this Evening.
Prof. Louis Favour arrived in the city yesterday and was busy at the Opera House all day today preparing for his lecture on "Electricity" this evening. The reporter met the gentleman and had a pleasant chat with him this morning, and from all he can learn the entertainment to be given this evening will be well worth attending. The professor's lectures are not of the dry scientific sort, which are decidedly uninteresting to most people, but he endeavors to interest all by simple experiments which are very attractive and which illustrate great scientific facts in the best possible way for common folks to understand.

Will. The Rev. C. A. Hennessey, of Crystal Falls, who is ministering at the J. R. Green in services in Laurium, addressed the meeting and his talk was listened to with attention. The special music was a solo by Miss Muddy and a duet by the Misses James.

Died at Paul & Morrison's Camp.
Jacob Heikula, a Finlander woodchopper, died Sunday morning, at 3 o'clock at Paul & Morrison's camp at Section 24 near Lake Superior, and was brought to Calumet this morning. He was 60 years of age at the time of his death and had no relatives in this vicinity. The funeral services were held this afternoon at 3 o'clock and the body laid at rest in Lake View cemetery.

The A. O. F.
Mr. Joseph Billing, of Ishpeming, has been appointed by the subsidiary high court official organizer for the counties of Houghton, Keweenaw, Ontonagon, Gogebic, Baraga, Marquette and Menominee, with all the powers and privileges of a deputy chief ranger.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Fisher, of Hancock, spent Sunday with friends and relatives in Calumet. Mr. Fisher returned yesterday, but Mrs. Fisher will remain for a few days longer. Mrs. Fisher's sweet voice was heard in the choir at the Calumet Congregational church last evening.

Applications for membership in the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. are coming in daily. Remember it only costs \$1 per year, and you will have the privilege of using the gymnasium and baths one afternoon each week, when the new building is completed.

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Mr. R. B. Vincent, accountant of Roebuck's coal and wood office, left this morning on a much-needed vacation. Mr. Vincent will visit friends in Lower Michigan cities and expects to be gone a couple of weeks.

Misses Addie Green, Hannah Smith and the Misses Statte, of Lake Linden, formed a pleasant snow shoe party to Calumet last evening. It is reported that the young ladies' strength gave out on the return trip.

Mr. F. W. Ridley, of the Calumet and Hecla corps of civil engineers, returned yesterday from an extended visit and vacation. Mr. Ridley visited his parents in England and reports a most pleasant time.



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